

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 795

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate William Freddy Curtis, on his selection as Teacher of the Year for both Cannon County High School and Cannon County School District Grades 9-12.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, William Freddy Curtis is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis was recently selected Teacher of the Year for both Cannon County High School and Cannon County School District Grades 9-12, honors most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as they recognize the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis received his bachelor's degree from Lee University in 1986 and a master's degree from Tennessee Technological University in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator for twenty-eight exemplary years; throughout his long and varied career. He spent sixteen years teaching at West Side Elementary School; six years as principal at West Side Elementary School; and for the past six years, he has taught at Cannon County High School, where he teaches U.S. Government, Sociology, and Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics; and

WHEREAS, an active and vital part of the Cannon County High School community, Mr. Curtis is the Data Chairman and sponsors the high school's Amateur Radio Club – W4WBY; and

WHEREAS, Freddy Curtis is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as

citizens, and he has inspired many students to take a greater interest in community politics and running for office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curtis has been active in a number of professional organizations, including the National Education Association, Tennessee Education Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Council for the Social Studies, Tennessee Council for the Social Studies, and Christian Educators Association International; and

WHEREAS, Freddy Curtis is also an ordained minister of the Church of God, most recently serving as senior pastor at Woodbury Church of God; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Curtis is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Trena, his four grown sons, and his two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Freddy Curtis truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate William Freddy Curtis on being chosen as Teacher of the Year for both Cannon County High School and Cannon County School District Grades 9-12, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.